

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A work data management method comprising:

inputting a user ID and a password through a terminal connected to a network;

identifying an employee based on data stored in a database using the user ID and the password, and checking manipulable processing contents of the employee;

displaying, on the terminal, a picture to input a work data;

receiving work data;

checking appropriateness of [[an]] said input work data, and storing the input work data in a work data list master if the input work data is judged appropriate, if the input work is judged inappropriate, displaying an error message and again receiving work data ;

receiving an approval authority for said work data;

storing, in a work data list master, the work data for which an approval authority processing manipulation has been completed, and which includes said approval authority with the work data;

receiving an end-of-month confirmation of said work data and storing, in a work management section master, data for which an end-of-month processing manipulation based on said confirmation has been completed, wherein the employee can no longer

modify the data, and providing to a superior whether end-of-month confirmation has occurred;

receiving an end-of-month approval authority for said data for which an end-of-month processing manipulation has been completed and storing, in the work management section master, data for which an end-of-month approval authority processing manipulation has been completed, and which includes said end-of-month approval authority with the data;

receiving a general affairs department end-of-month approval authority for said data for which an end-of-month authority processing manipulation has been completed and storing, in the work management section master, data for which a general affairs department end-of-month approval authority processing manipulation has been completed, and which includes said general affairs department end-of-month approval authority with the data; and

receiving a final locking of said data and storing, in the work management section master, data for which a final protection processing manipulation has been completed.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The work data management method according to claim 6, further comprising a step of displaying a picture dedicated to approval authority on the terminal if at the identifying step the employee is judged eligible to perform an approval authority manipulation as well as to input work data.

10. (Original) The work data management method according to claim 6, further comprising a step of displaying a picture dedicated to general affairs department authority on the terminal if at the identifying step the employee is judged eligible to perform an approval authority manipulation and a final protection manipulation.

11-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 6, wherein the work data is input through a personal computer having a Web browser.

16. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 6, wherein the network is at least one of a local area network and a wide area network.

17. (Previously presented) A work data management method comprising:  
inputting a user ID and a password through a terminal connected to a network;  
identifying an employee based on data stored in a database using the user ID and the password, and checking manipulable processing contents of the employee;  
displaying, on the terminal, a picture to input a work data;  
checking appropriateness of an input work data, and storing the input work data in a work data list master if the input work data is judged appropriate;  
storing, in a work management section master, data for which an end-of-month processing manipulation has completed;

storing, in the work management section master, data for which an end-of-month approval authority processing manipulation has completed;

storing, in the work management section master, data for which a general affairs department end-of-month approval authority processing manipulation has completed; and

storing, in the work management section master, data for which a final protection processing manipulation has completed.

18. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 17, further comprising a step of displaying a picture dedicated to approval authority on the terminal if at the identifying step the employee is judged eligible to perform an approval authority manipulation as well as to input work data.

19. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 17, further comprising a step of displaying a picture dedicated to general affairs department authority on the terminal if at the identifying step the employee is judged eligible to perform an approval authority manipulation and a final protection manipulation.

20. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 17, wherein the work data is input through a personal computer having a Web browser.

21. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 17, wherein the network is at least one of a local area network and a wide area network.

22. (Previously presented) A work data management method comprising:

- inputting a user ID and a password through a terminal connected to a network;
- identifying an employee based on data stored in a database using the user ID and the password, and checking manipulable processing contents of the employee;
- displaying, on the terminal, a picture to input a work data;
- checking appropriateness of an input work data, and storing the input work data in a work data list master if the input work data is judged appropriate;
- storing, in a work management section master, data for which an end-of-month processing manipulation has completed;
- storing, in the work management section master, data for which a general affairs department end-of-month approval authority processing manipulation has completed; and
- storing, in the work management section master, data for which a final protection processing manipulation has completed.

23. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 22, further comprising a step of displaying a picture dedicated to approval authority on the terminal if at the identifying step the employee is judged eligible to perform an approval authority manipulation as well as to input work data.

24. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 22, further comprising a step of displaying a picture dedicated to general affairs department authority on the terminal if at the identifying step the employee is judged eligible to perform an approval authority manipulation and a final protection manipulation.

25. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 22, wherein the work data is input through a personal computer having a Web browser.

26. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 22, wherein the network is at least one of a local area network and a wide area network.

27. (Previously presented) A work data management method comprising:  
inputting a user ID and a password through a terminal connected to a network;  
identifying an employee based on data stored in a database using the user ID and the password, and checking manipulable processing contents of the employee;  
displaying, on the terminal, a picture to input a work data;  
checking appropriateness of an input work data, and storing the input work data in a work data list master if the input work data is judged appropriate;  
storing, in a work management section master, data for which an end-of-month processing manipulation has completed;  
storing, in the work management section master, data for which an end-of-month approval authority processing manipulation has completed; and  
storing, in the work management section master, data for which a final protection processing manipulation has completed.

28. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 27, further comprising a step of displaying a picture dedicated to approval authority on the

terminal if at the identifying step the employee is judged eligible to perform an approval authority manipulation as well as to input work data.

29. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 27, further comprising a step of displaying a picture dedicated to general affairs department authority on the terminal if at the identifying step the employee is judged eligible to perform an approval authority manipulation and a final protection manipulation.

30. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 27, wherein the work data is input through a personal computer having a Web browser.

31. (Previously presented) The work data management method according to claim 27, wherein the network is at least one of a local area network and a wide area network.